

ABSTRACT

5 A novel virus, the Chris-like virus, has been identified and characterised. Sequences derived from a new paramyxovirus, Chris-like virus (CV), are provided. These sequences encode viral proteins with similarity to recognized viral proteins in other known and characterized paramyxoviruses. The CV viral sequences and the polypeptides encoded therein are useful for the detection, immunological protection and therapy of CV. The sequences provided by the invention are also useful for the
10 isolation and characterization of CV, for the propagation of CV or its viral components in cells or tissue culture, for the generation of immunogenic polypeptides and vaccines, and for the screening and identification of antiviral agents for CV.